

*SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS*

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 6 with:

The exemplary hardware and operating environment of FIG. 1 for implementing the invention includes a general purpose computing device in the form of a computer 20, including a processing unit 21, a system memory 22, and a system bus 23 that operatively couples various system components that include the system memory to the processing unit 21. There may be only one or there may be more than one processing unit 21, such that the processor of computer 20 comprises a single central-processing unit (CPU), or a plurality of processing units, commonly referred to as a parallel processing environment. The computer 20 may be a conventional computer, a distributed computer, or any other type of computer; the invention is not so limited.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 3 with:

The computer 20 may operate in a networked environment using logical connections to one or more remote computers, such as remote computer 49. These logical connections are achieved by a communication device coupled to or a part of the computer 20; the invention is not limited to a particular type of communications device. The remote computer 49 may be another computer, a server, a router, a network PC, a client, a peer device or other common network node, and typically includes many or all of the elements described above relative to the computer 20, although only a memory storage device 50 has been illustrated in FIG. 1. The logical connections depicted in FIG. 1 include a local-area network (LAN) 51 and a wide-area network (WAN) 52. Such networking environments are commonplace in office networks, enterprise-wide computer networks, intranets and the Internet ~~Internet~~, which are all types of networks.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 17 with:

In this section of the detailed description, the manner by which transactional boundaries among messages are set in accordance with one embodiment of the invention is described, in conjunction with reference to FIG. 3. The diagram of FIG. 3 shows transactions 300, 302 and 304. The transaction 300 includes messages 306a, 306b and ~~306~~ 306c; the transaction 302 includes messages 308a, 308b, 308c and 308d; and, the transaction 304 includes messages 310a, 310b and 310c. The invention is not limited to a particular number of transactions, nor a particular number of messages that make up any such transaction, as

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can be appreciated by those of ordinary skill within the art. The number of transactions and the number of messages that make up those transactions as shown in FIG. 3 is an example for illustrative and descriptive purposes only.